Chief, FBID

16 May 1961

Chief, Field Operations Staff, FBID

Letter of Information Notes - April 1961

- 1. Training of the African Bureau's two foreign language monitors and the cruising monitor continues. The Bureau's first monthly production report indicated a daily average of 150 words of publishable wordage filed to Washington during April.
- 2. Bureaus are reminded that whenever a schedule or frequency change takes place during the course of a coverage reporting period, the average reception rating shown for the program concerned should reflect only conditions after the change.
- 3. Field Bureaus are requested to report whenever Soviet bloc telecasts are carried live by other countries, both in Eastern and Western Europe. Examples of such telecasts are the recent Gagarin reception in Moscow and the Moscow May Day parade, which were telecast over networks in Central and Western Europe. Announcements of upcoming network telecasts and information on which countries actually carry them live should be filed to BIS.
- 4. Radio Moscow changed to its summer schedule for international broadcasts on April 25. The various field bureaus are to be commended for their promptness in filing preliminary announcements and for their efforts in confirming the various language schedules.

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- 5. All field bureaus are again reminded that broadcast items concerning new radio programs, new transmitting facilities, radio and television exchange agreements and other items containing background information on foreign radio developments should be filled "COFT TO BIS". In recent months an increasing number of such items were not filled so flagged.
- 6. Bureaus are requested to double-address to the ESC all virefiled sumi-monthly and monthly coverage change reports. In addition, Bureaus should henceforth mail to the EBC a copy of each complete coverage schedule submitted with their Progress Reports in compliance with paragraph 2b of FBIS Regulation 42-8.
- 7. (Engineering Staff will supply items on the Paerto Rican survey.)

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The Broadcast Information Section of FOS supplied USIA with a list of stations and frequencies which conference on Laos. He was given a list of such programs from Delhi, London, Paris, Moscow, and Peking for use of certain U.S. delegation members.

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